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**CONTRIBUTION OF THE ECE TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE  
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

(Commission decision E (49))

Report by the Executive Secretary

1. The Economic Commission for Europe, recalling General Assembly decision 46/472 of 13 April 1992 and resolution 48/215 of 23 December 1993, decided at its forty-ninth session (decision E (49)) to contribute, along with other programmes of the United Nations, to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Organization in 1995.

2. The Executive Secretary is preparing a compendium of the contributions which the ECE has made to the global programmes of the UN during its 48 years of existence. It will cover the ECE outreach programmes of benefit to the countries of other regions and the international community as a whole, such as EDIFACT, norms and standards, the transport of dangerous goods, energy efficiency, sustainable development, population trends and migration as well as other issues. It relates also to the ECE contribution to global aims and activities of the Organization. This compendium will be the basis of a book "Fifty Years of ECE" to be prepared for the fiftieth anniversary of the Commission in 1997.

3. Preparations are underway by the secretariat in close cooperation with the United Nations Office at Geneva, for an exhibition highlighting the practical impact of ECE work on the daily life of the population in Europe to be integrated into a larger presentation organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva. The Executive Secretary will participate in a Round Table debate to be broadcast by the Television Suisse Romande on United Nations Day, 24 October 1995.

4. The second Road Safety Week in the ECE region, to be held from 27 March to 2 April 1995, is inscribed in the calendar of events held in the year of the fiftieth anniversary. The Executive Secretary has suggested to Ministers of Transport that since the second Road Safety Week will take place in the year of the fiftieth anniversary, they may wish to mention this in the campaigns waged in their respective countries.

5. The secretariat has already requested the UN Postal Administration to begin preparations for a UN stamp in 1997 to commemorate the Commission's fiftieth anniversary. In 1990 the UN issued a similar stamp reflecting ECE's work in the field of environment. "Transport and Environment" has been proposed as a theme for the stamp in commemoration of the fiftieth ECE anniversary.